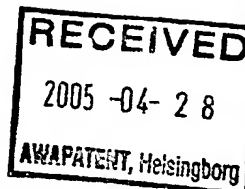
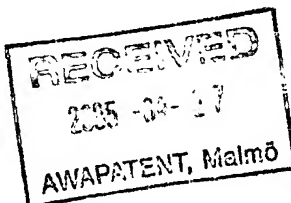


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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-5	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1:JP2001305055

D2:JP9015142

The problem solved is an optical reference standard for wet products so that the standard has mechanical and temporal stability.

D1 and D2 each disclose a calibration device used in optical measurement of biological matter. A container is filled with a material which has the same optical absorption as that of the measured object but with more stable mechanical and temporal characteristics.

To a person skilled in the art it is a well known technique to simulate a mechanically and temporally unstable matter by a substitute as a reference standard in order to maintain an accurate calibration. D1 and D2 each describe this technique. D2 is closest in describing the invention. The invention according to claims 1-5 differs from D2 by stating cereal as the reference material. The problem solved is an alternative choice of the material in an optical reference. Faced with the problem of selecting material as a reference material, it is considered obvious to select among those biological substances that have stable properties, for instance cereal, and arrive at the invention claimed.

Consequently, the invention according to claims 1-5 does not fulfil the requirement of inventive step.

The invention is industrially applicable.

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